

March 6, 2018

Downsville Elementary
N2681 460th Street
PO Box 78
Downsville, WI 54735
(715) 664-8546

Knapp Elementary
110 South Street
Knapp, WI 54749
(715) 665-2131

Menomonie High School
1715 5th Street West
Menomonie, WI 54751
(715) 232-2606

Menomonie Middle School
920 21st Street South
Menomonie, WI 54751
(715) 232-1673

Oaklawn Elementary
500 21st Street South
Menomonie, WI 54751
(715) 232-3798

River Heights Elementary
615 24th Avenue West
Menomonie, WI 54751
(715) 232-3987

Wakanda Elementary
1801 Wakanda Street NE
Menomonie, WI 54751
(715) 232-3898

Dear Families and Stakeholders of the School District of the Menomonie Area,

Today, Tuesday, March 6, 2018, an anonymous email message was received by a teacher at Oaklawn Elementary School. The email stated, "I'm coming to your school today to kill everyone in your school because they are all jerks."

Immediately upon the discovery of the note, the Menomonie Police Department was contacted and preventive security measures were taken to prioritize the health and safety of the students and staff in our school. Students were brought inside from recess a few minutes early, and staff initiated procedures to ensure that the building was secure.

Even though there is nothing with the initial investigation that would indicate that this threat is credible, the Menomonie Police Department will maintain a strong presence at Oaklawn Elementary School for the remainder of the school day, and additional security measures will be taken to monitor school grounds during the rest of the week. Students and staff have been informed of the threatening situation in a manner appropriate for the age and grade levels of the students.

We apologize for the inconvenience and unnecessary anxiety that this situation puts on the students, staff and community in our school district, but please know that we are doing everything that we can to investigate this crime and bring the perpetrator to justice. Even though threats like these are becoming more common, please know that we will not let down our guard, and we will continue to keep the safety and security of our students and staff as our highest priority.

This incident remains under investigation by the Menomonie Police Department and anyone with information is asked to contact the MPD at 715-232-2198. Anonymous tips may be submitted through Dunn County Crime Stoppers (www.dunncocrimestoppers.com). Thank you for your continued trust and support.

Sincerely,

Joe Zydowsky
District Administrator
School District of the Menomonie Area

Eric Atkinson
Chief of Police
Menomonie Police Department